

What is a VoiceThread?

A VoiceThread is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds images, documents, and videos and allows people to navigate slides and leave comment in 5 ways- using voice (with a mic or telephone), text, audio file,

or video (via a webcam). Share a VoiceThread with friends, students, and colleagues for them to record comments too.

Users can doodle while commenting, use multiple identities, and pick which comments are shown through moderation. VoiceThreads can even be embedded to show and receive comments on other websites and exported to MP3 players or DVDs to play as archival movies.



Registering for an Account

1. Click "Sign in or Register"
2. Enter your information in the registration window



Register a new account

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

re-enter Email:

Password:

re-enter Password:

Type the words to the right:

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Type the two words:

Registering indicates you accept our [Terms of Use](#).

Browse the VoiceThread Library



Once you have successfully registered for an account, click the “Browse” tab on the home page menu. Browse previously published VoiceThreads for videos, slideshows, or ideas or videos that you could use in your classroom.

Examples:

Weather Art & Poetry--Third Grade Class

<https://voicethread.com/?#q.b119840.i725907>

5 Steps to the Writing Process

<https://voicethread.com/?#q.b12295.i79991>

Measuring Angles

<https://voicethread.com/?#q.b105590.i537904>

The Great Depression: Poetry for Two Voices--5th Grade

<https://voicethread.com/?#q.b425796.i2574380>

Creating a VoiceThread

Requirements: You will need at least three images, documents, or a video to complete this activity. These items should relate to something you are teaching or want to introduce to your students. It is recommended that before you start this activity, save the items in one folder on your computer.

1. Click “Create” on the Home Page menu.

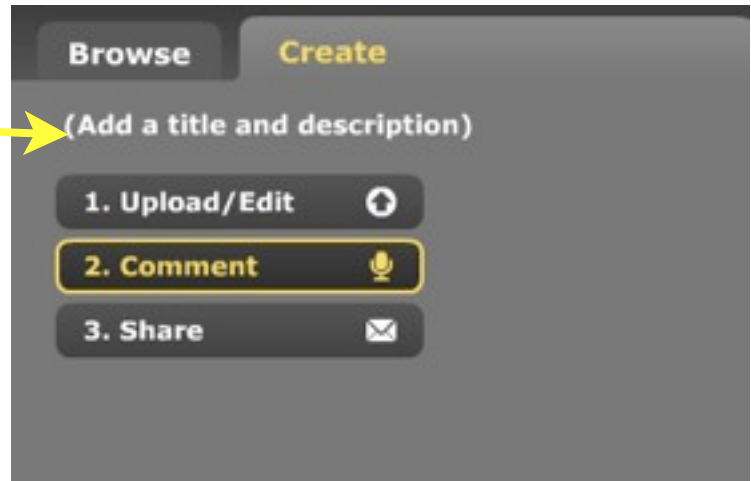


2. Click “Upload” then “My Computer”. Browse to the place on your computer where the images you will be using are saved. Select the images you want to use. You can hold the CTRL key on your keyboard to select multiple images at once. Click “Open” to upload them into VoiceThread. You should upload a minimum of three images. You can click the upload button again to add more images if needed.



3. Once your images are uploaded, you can click on any of them to delete them or add a title. You can also click and drag the images to put them in a different order.

4. Give your VoiceThread a title and a description.



5. Next, click “Comment” to leave voice and/or typed comments on your images. Also in this section, you can get a preview of how the VoiceThread will look. You can add titles and descriptions to the photos as well as adding recordings or text to your slides when in the preview mode.

Sharing Your VoiceThread

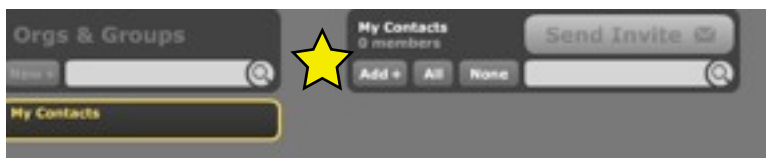
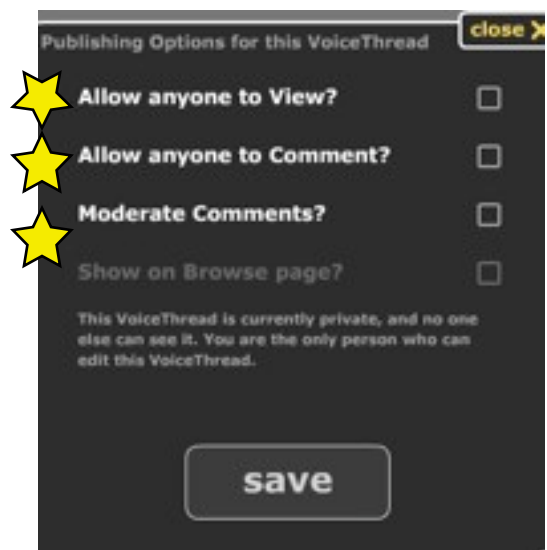


1. When you are ready to let others see your VoiceThread, you can click on ‘Share’.

2. If you want others to be able to comment, you need to set the level of

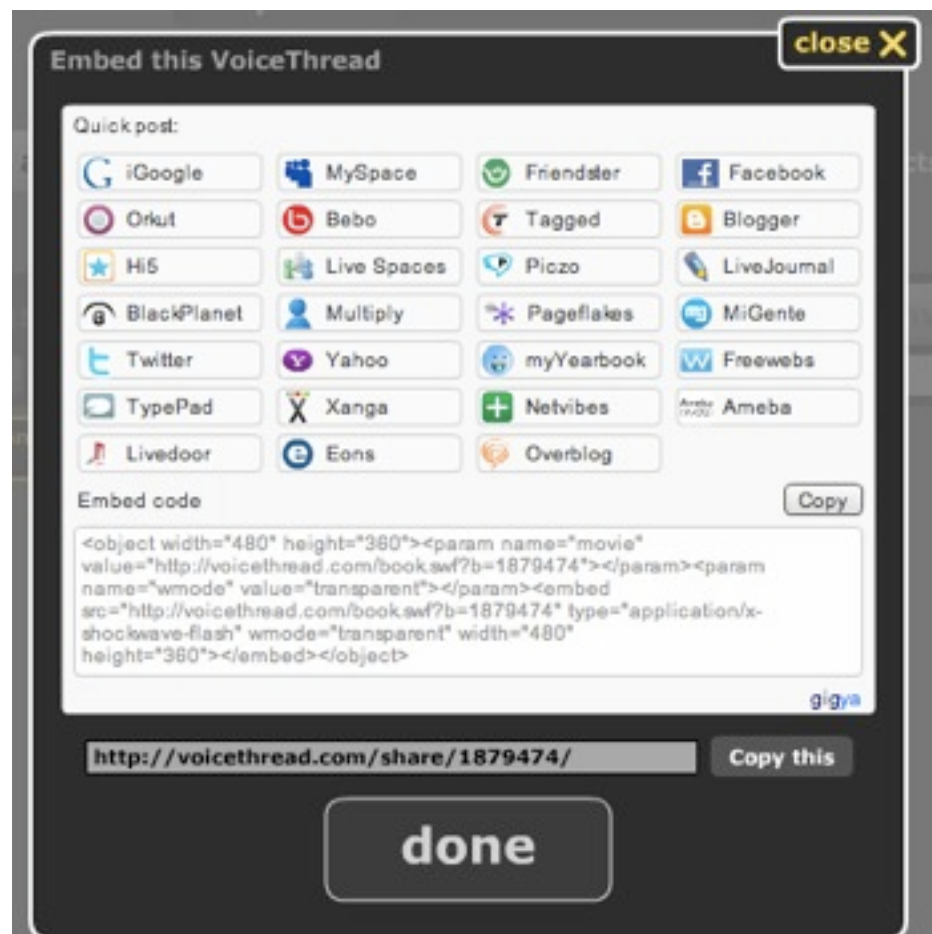
security to public. To do this, click on “Publishing Options” at the bottom of the page.

3. If you turn on “Comment Moderation” you will be shown a preview of comments for you to approve before they appear on your VoiceThread.
4. You can also decide whether or not you are happy for your VoiceThread to show up on search results.
5. You can also add friends to share with who can be given different levels of access such as only viewing, able to make comments, or able to edit the VoiceThread itself.



Embed Your VoiceThread in a Blog or Wiki

1. If you are viewing a VoiceThread you want to embed, click on the cog symbol next to the name of the Voicethread at the top of the screen to see the Embed option.
2. Click on it and copy the code in the box. Use this code to add to your wiki or blog.



Adding Identities to Your VoiceThread Account

This VoiceThread feature is very helpful because it allows you to create separate identities for your students so they don't need accounts themselves.

1. On the top right of the screen, there is a down arrow next to your account image.
2. Click on it and select "My Identities".



3. Click on the + sign next to "Add an



Identity".

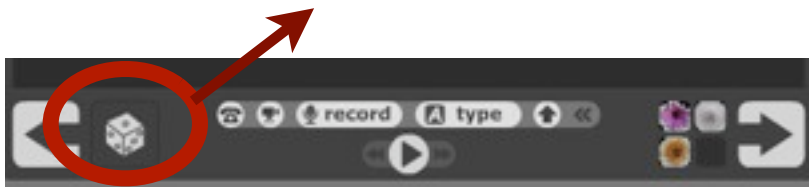
4. Choose a name for the identity (if using a child's name, don't include a last name) and upload an image for that person (you might want to use other images than photos of the children unless you have internet agreements signed by parents). You could let the children create avatars (visual representations of themselves) using some online tools or by making a drawing in Kidpix/ Paint etc to use. You could also scan in an image of their artwork.

5. Click 'Save' when the big pop-up window opens showing the details for that identity.

6. Keep doing this until you have an identity for each child or group of children in your class.

Swapping Between Identities

1. This is a relatively simple process. At the bottom of the VoiceThread screen is an image showing which identity is the current one.
2. Click on this image and select another picture to change to that identity.



Tutorials



1. What Is a VoiceThread?

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b409.i848804>

2. How to Share a VoiceThread

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b325897.i1731223>

3. Video Doodling

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b21651.i122786>

4. Microphone Setup for Windows XP

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b415.i3143>

5. Microphone Setup for Mac

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b416.i3138>

6. Embedding a VoiceThread

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b805.i401139>

7. Comment Moderation

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b718.i91562>

8. Identities

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b11932.i79515>

9. Zoom

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b783.i9610>

10. 1 Minute VoiceThread

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b8381.i61448>

11. The Doodler

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b711.i61849>

12. Word Press Plug In

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b4643.i36244>

13. VoiceThread Presentations

<http://voicethread.com/?#u1733491.b23349.i137776>